

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

Please replace the paragraph title on page 1, line 13 of the specification with the following amended title:

BACKGROUND BACKGROUND OF THE INVENTION

Please replace the paragraph on page 1, starting with line 26 and ending with line 31 with the following amended paragraph.

U.S. patent ~~4,969,943~~ 4,696,943 discloses the levorotatory isomer of α -ethyl-2-oxo-1-pyrrolidineacetamide, which has the absolute S configuration, a method for making the isomer and pharmaceutical compositions containing the same. U.S. patent 4,696,943 discloses that the levorotatory isomer has a 10 times higher protective activity against hypoxia and a 4 times higher protective activity against ischemia compared to the known racemic form.